



**Town of  
Bethel,  
Connecticut**

**Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center - 1 School  
Street Bethel, CT 06801**

**JULY 2013**

**WELCOME TO BETHEL'S NEWSLETTER**

**Bethel Water Department:** The message is clear, Bethel residents want to operate their own water operation. The following measures will be undertaken immediately by the Public Utilities Commission to provide an adequate supply of water that meets all state health codes and provides enough volume for fire protection and economic development:

- The new South Street pump station needed to comply with new state health regulations that become effective in October will be completed as quickly as possible. Work is already under way on this \$400,000 project.
- The Public Utilities Commission will issue an RFQ (request for qualifications) seeking comprehensive engineering services to guide the Commission through planning and executing system upgrades. Once selected, the engineers will further assess the condition of the system, develop engineering specifications for all necessary upgrades and provide cost estimates and timetables for implementation.
- Staffing levels within the department will be analyzed to insure there is adequate management oversight to insure completion of all upgrades, as well as to insure ongoing compliance with all state health and environmental protection regulations.
- When all cost factors, including borrowing estimates associated with the work above are known, further rate analysis will be conducted to determine impact on future rates to insure a financially solvent operation.

Press information will be released at every step of the process to keep the public fully informed.

**Volunteer Firefighters Honored:** Three Stony Hill Volunteer members were recently honored for their combined 105 years of service. Firefighter Jay Streaman, Safety Officer and past Chief Jon Menti, and past Chief Tony Rubino each were recipients of 35 Year Service Pins. These were presented at the annual Memorial Service.

**Bethel Community Market:** The Community Market's 2013 season is in full swing and will run every Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. through September 26<sup>th</sup>. The market features over 30 vendors this year, ranging from prepared foods and take-home meals to locally grown fresh produce to arts and crafts. For information contact [communitymarket@bethel-ct.gov](mailto:communitymarket@bethel-ct.gov).

**Bethel Summer Concert Series:** The Series continues with **Mental Health** on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, **Sonny Carroll Orchestra** on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, **The Midnight Blues** on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, **Cinnamon Sky** on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, and **The Austrian Boys** on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. All concerts are at the Gazebo at 6:00 p.m. on the CJH Municipal Center Lawn and are free and open to the public. Bring lawn chairs, picnics, and the family. In the event of inclement weather, the performance will be held in the gym.

**Postponement:** Because the onset of a sudden thunderstorm terminated the **J & B Band** concert a short way into the program, the band will perform on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gazebo on the CJH Municipal Center Lawn.

As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome. Please call or stop by for a cup of coffee.

*Matthew S. Knickerbocker  
First Selectman*

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**MUNICIPAL CENTER HOURS**

*The hours of the  
CJH Municipal Center are  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*

*Town website is:  
[www.bethel-ct.gov](http://www.bethel-ct.gov)*

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# **BETHEL COMMUNITY MARKET**

Bethel will be the place to be every Thursday evening (4-7 p.m.) starting on June 13th through September 26th for our 3rd season. Our Community Market takes place on the lawn of the CJH Municipal Center– Rain or Shine!

We have lots of great vendors– returning favorites and new ones to tempt your palate and expand your shopping opportunities. Vendors are signing on weekly– so far we have Billy's Southern Style BBQ, Holbrook Farms, Daily Fare, Stone's Throw Farm, Ma & Pa's Traveling Kitchen, Send A Smile Cards, Percy Thompson Farms, Meetinghouse Farm, Byrd's Books, Olive Oils of the World, Mitchell Farm, Gemini Jewelry Designs, Scentsational Scrubs, Contented Critters and many more.

New this year will be Pancifico Navona, Biscotti Etc., Maura & Nuccia, LuLu Bella Children's Boutique, Take Time Relaxation Center, Carrot Top Kitchens, The Toy Room, Sunset Meadows Vineyard, Lawlor Graphics and many more are anticipated.

The Community Market will have a full program of events including musical entertainment, movie nights, demonstrations and more. Shop our vendors, have dinner and show your support to the Bethel Community!

For more information on the market or vending opportunities– please contact [farmersmarket@bethel-ct.gov](mailto:farmersmarket@bethel-ct.gov)



# **TOWN CLERK**



## **Dog Licenses**

Dog Licensing begins June 1, 2013. All dogs 6 month of age or older must be licensed and wear tag and collar at all times. A current rabies certificate is required if your dog has not been previously licensed, or if your dogs rabies information on record with the Town Clerk is expired.

Renewal postcards will be sent to current licensed dog owners on May 31, 2013. Owners may renew their dogs license via mail. A check in the amount of \$8.00 for a neutered dog, \$19.00 for a non-spayed or neutered dog, payable to the Bethel Town Clerk along with renewal postcard, a copy of a current rabies vaccination certificate, and a self addressed stamped envelope may be mailed to Bethel Town Clerk, One School Street Bethel, CT 06801.

A license and tag will be mailed to you. Should there be any questions, please call the Town Clerk's office at [203-794-8505](tel:203-794-8505) between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

## **Transfer Station Permits**

The fees for the permits remain the same: \$50.00 annually, there is a \$10.00 Senior Citizen Discount for those patrons over the age of 65. A second vehicle at the same address requiring a permit will be an additional \$10.00. A day pass is also available for \$10.00.

Should there be any questions, please call  
either the Town Clerk's Office at  
[203-794-8505](tel:203-794-8505)  
or Transfer Station at  
[203-778-7436](tel:203-778-7436).



# TRANSFER STATION

The Transfer Station is located off Route 53 on Sympaug Road.

The **NEW** hours of operation are as follows:

Tuesday and Thursday open 7:00 am to 12:00 pm then 12:45 pm to 3:00 pm.

Friday open 7:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Saturday open 7:00 am to 12:00 pm then 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

# 203-778-7436. The price of the **annual permit is \$50.00 each vehicle.**

You can purchase the permit from the Town Clerk's office, Bethel Municipal Center, 1 School Street.

**Annual Permit Fee \$50.00 per vehicle / 2nd car rate for vehicle in same household /same address \$10.00 fee**

ITEMS	FEES
Solid Waste Disposal	\$0.20 per lb.
Recyclable Materials	No Charge

BULKY WASTE	FEES
Tables, Chairs, End Tables, Lamps, Bed Frames, Headboards and Other Small Miscellaneous Items    considered small bulk waste	\$ 0.20 per lb.
Mattress and Box Spring                      twin   \$10 Each   Double \$15.00 each   Queen \$ 20.00 each   King \$ 25.00 each   Sleeper sofa	\$25.00
Floor Model Television and Stereos	\$15 Each
Couches (All Sizes), Desks and Dressers, Etc...	\$25 Each

SCRAP METAL	FEES
Loose Scrap Metal	\$0.20 per lb.
Lawn Mowers	\$10Each
Lawn Tractors and Other Large Metal Objects	\$ 20Each
Other large scrap metal	\$20.00

APPLIANCES	FEES
Household Appliances <b>without</b> CFC's (Freon)	\$20
Household Appliances <b>with</b> CFC's (Freon)	\$30

ORGANIC MATERIALS	FEES
Leaves by Carload	No Charge
Trees and Brush Material by Carload	\$ 10 per car
ALL ORGANIC MATERIAL in Standard Pickup Truck-filled To Tops of Bed Sides	\$35 per truck

ALL ORGANIC MATERIAL Delivered in Modified Pickup-

**Additional Sideboards or Filled Above the Standard**

**Bed Height (This Includes Homeowner Trailers)**

\$50 per truck

**\*\*NO CONSTRUCTION or DEMOLITION MATERIAL WILL BE ACCEPTED\*\***

## FREE TABLE ITEMS

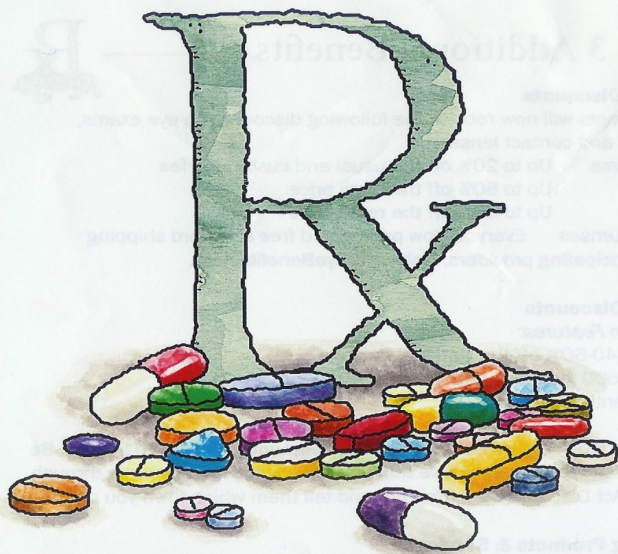
Items on the free table are free to take, NOT LEAVE, to leave an item see fee schedule

## E-WASTE MATERIALS FREE

Key pads-cell phones-stereos-printers-flashlights-computer monitors

Additional information about E-Waste can be found [WWW.BethelCT.org](http://WWW.BethelCT.org) under Departments go to Public Works then  
Transfer station





# Introducing the Town of Bethel Prescription Drug Card

**FREE**  
to Town Residents

Americans are paying more for prescription drugs than ever before. Without prescription coverage, staying healthy can come at a high price. With the free Town of Bethel Prescription Discount Card, you can save money on many of your prescription purchases

Any town resident without prescription coverage can use this program. Even if you have insurance for prescription drugs, you may still benefit from the discount card, since it may save you money on prescription drugs your existing plan does not cover

## Everyone is eligible!

- No income requirements
- No age requirements
- Unlimited use for the whole family



The Town of Bethel Prescription Discount Card is:

**Valuable** Save an average of 45% off the pharmacy's regular price on all common prescriptions

**Simple** No claim forms or annual fees are needed

**Convenient** More than 55,000 participating retail pharmacies nationwide including all national pharmacies: CVS, Rite-Aid, Stop and Shop, Big Y, Wal-Mart, and Walgreens. Local pharmacies can also participate

*This plan is not insurance.  
Savings are only available at participating retail pharmacies.*



As the First Selectman of Bethel, I am very happy to share with you a free prescription discount card program. It's a pleasure that local government can bring our citizens a benefit without a cost connected to it.

The Town of Bethel can do this by partnering with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) and ProAct, Inc. By using the ProAct Discount Prescription Card, it is estimated that you can save about 20% on brand name drugs and up to 70% on your generic prescription purchases when using this discount card. If you already have prescription drug coverage, you can use this card for discounts on prescriptions not covered by your insurance plan.

- It can be used as often as needed.
- It can be used for veterinary prescriptions for your pet.

Sincerely,  
*Matthew S. Knickerbocker*  
First Selectman

## Plus 3 Additional Benefits



### Vision Discounts

Participants will now receive the following discounts on eye exams, frames, and contact lenses.

Eye Exams	Up to 20% off the usual and customary fee
Frames	Up to 50% off the retail price
Lenses	Up to 50% off the retail price
Online Lenses	Everyday low pricing and free standard shipping

For participating providers, visit [www.EyeBenefits.com](http://www.EyeBenefits.com).

### LASIK Discounts

#### Program Features:

- Save 40-50% off the National Average
- Over 600 locations nationwide
- Credentialed physicians

To find a provider and schedule an appointment, call 877-201-3852. Be sure to tell the representative that you are eligible for discounts through the ProAct Discount Card Program and tell them which town you are from.

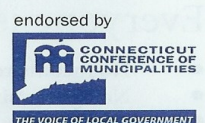
### Hearing Products & Services

#### Program Features:

- Savings of 35-65%
- National network of local ear physicians and audiologists
- Brand name hearing aids and products

To find a provider and schedule an appointment, call 866-956-5400. Be sure to tell the representative that you are eligible for discounts through ProAct's Discount Card Program and tell them which town you are from.

Should you need more information, please call the toll free number at 877-776-2285 or visit our website at [www.connecticutrxdiscountcard.com](http://www.connecticutrxdiscountcard.com)





## **NOTICE TO BETHEL TAXPAYERS**

The First Real Estate payment on the 2012 Grand List is due and payable on July 1, 2013. The last day to pay without penalty is Thursday, August 1, 2013. The penalty for paying after August 1, 2013 will be charged at 1 ½% per month from the due date or a \$2.00 minimum charge, whichever is greater plus any additional collection costs.

Mailed payments must be postmarked no later than August 1, 2013.

The Personal Property and Motor Vehicle tax is due in full on July 1, 2013, and if not paid by August 1, 2013 interest will be charged at 1½% per month from the due date or a \$2.00 minimum, whichever is greater plus any additional collection costs.

Delinquent Motor Vehicle taxes must be paid in cash, official bank check or money order, if registering a vehicle.

Taxpayers can pay by check or credit card online at

**[www.bethel-ct.gov](http://www.bethel-ct.gov)**

Follow the online instructions.

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN THE TAX OFFICE**

The Tax Collector's Office, located in The Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School Street, is open Monday-Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm.

Failure to receive a bill **DOES NOT** relieve a taxpayer of the obligation to pay taxes or any delinquent charges.

## **State of Connecticut Renter's Rebate Program**

The State of Connecticut provides a reimbursement program for Connecticut renters who are 65 years of age (by the end of 2012) or Totally Disabled and whose incomes do not exceed \$33,500 if Single or \$40,900 if married. Due to a recent change you can only apply for this program if you received a benefit check during calendar year 2012.

In order to file an application for the Renters Rebate Program, please schedule an appointment with the Bethel Tax Benefit Coordinator, John Sarver by calling (203) 794-8594. Applications for the Renters' rebate program must be made between **April 1 and September 30, 2013.**





## FRANC PROPERTY

The Franc Committee has been working over the last few months on rules and potential uses for the Franc property that was recently purchased by the Town in 2012.

The Franc property is a 72 acre parcel of land located on the right hand corner of the intersection of Plumtrees Road and Old Hawleyville Road as you head towards Newtown.

We are an enthusiastic and diverse group of volunteers that are interested in exploring a variety of idea's for the property that can be enjoyed by many. A Community Garden, Disc Golf and trails are among the potential uses being considered.

If you have any ideas or comments, please join us on July 25th at 7:00 pm in meeting Room D of the Municipal Center or email Landuse @Bethel-ct.gov